

PAST EXPERIENCE SHOULD BE A GUIDE POST, NOT A HITCHING POST.—D. W. Williams.

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STATE REPORT SHOWS JAIL IN GOOD ORDER

A report of a recent State inspection of the Oxford County jail reflects a most satisfactory condition of the property and a commendation of the improvements instituted and maintained by Sheriff James Lassiter. The report summarized:

Sheriff Lassiter maintains a high standard of efficiency in regard to cleanliness, sanitation and the preparation of food at the jail. Considering the fact that this is a very old building, there are limits as to what can be accomplished in this respect. For security reasons, there are three inspections of the jail daily. The maintenance of the County Building, of which the jail is a part, is done by the inmates. A request has been made to the County Commissioners for paint for the entire section of the jail, and this will be accomplished in the very near future.

Improvements to this jail are made when necessary, and it is considered that the jail itself is properly kept. In order to bring this jail up to present day standards, it would be necessary for the County of Oxford to erect an entire new building, which would contain all modern equipment. Insofar as the present buildings are concerned, it is considered that they are being maintained up to a very high standard and there is little improvement that can be made.

SMALL EMPLOYERS LAGGING IN MESO REPORTS

DUE BEFORE JAN. 1, 1956

According to Commissioner James J. George, Sr., Employer Representative on the Maine Employment Security Commission, it appears that a large number of employers of four or more, who heretofore have been exempt from the provisions of the Maine Employment Security Law, have failed to complete Special Status Information Reports which were mailed to them early in September. This failure to file these reports seems to stem from an apparent lack of realization as to the advantages in having these reports on file in the administrative office.

Under the provisions of the Maine Employment Security Act, the normal rate of tax payable to this Agency is 2.7% of the taxable pay roll. The law provides for an Experience Rating which is a lower rate of tax—as low as a minimum of .3%.

In order to attain a lower rate of tax, employers' accounts must be chargeable with unemployment benefits paid to their employees for a 36-consecutive month period on December 31 of any calendar year.

Accordingly, any employer of 4 or more—not presently liable to the Act, but which will become liable effective January 1, 1956, based upon the year 1955 employment could hope to attain a lower rate of tax in 34 years, providing the Commissioner's records show that employer's account has been duly certified and is in our files by January 1, 1956. Any new employer account set up subsequent to that date would necessarily have to pay the normal rate for an extended period of one year.

Therefore, it is highly advantageous to all potentially liable employers to take such steps as may be necessary to complete these forms and send them to the Commission offices located at 331 Water Street, Augusta, Maine, prior to January 1, 1956.

Specially trained Field Representatives are available throughout the State of Maine to assist and advise anyone in the preparation of these forms. They may be contacted through any of the Agency's local offices, or by writing directly to the Commission in Augusta.

Want a gift for all your youngsters? Mr. Driver, here's a thought! Take it easy on the highway—You're the only dad they've got!

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

M. E. Libby of the State Audit Dept. is currently making an audit of the Corporation books. It always is a pleasure to have Mr. Libby in the office.

The Western Maine Managers' Association met in Bethel, Dec. 14. A very fine supper was enjoyed at Martha's, Grill. Edmond Vachon, a welcome guest, spoke to the group for a few minutes on military affairs. Frank Chapman, the executive secretary of the Maine Municipal Association, had a lot of information on various municipal problems and also spoke of the plans of the Association to present various changes to the next Legislature for consideration.

We wish to thank Mrs. Coburn for the lovely wreaths supplied to the Town Office.

O. T. Rozelle

CO-OWNERSHIP FEATURES OF SAVINGS BONDS EXPLAINED

The U. S. Savings Bonds Division points out that many investors apparently are unaware of the co-ownership provisions of Series B and H United States Savings Bonds. In response to inquiries being directed to the Treasury Department, Harvey M. Fickett, Maine State sales director, gave the following explanation of the provisions:

"Although individual purchases in any calendar year of Series B Bonds are limited to \$20,000 (\$15,000 purchase price), and of Series H Bonds to \$20,000 (purchased at par), additional holdings by individuals are allowed under co-ownership provisions.

For example, take the case of a family of four, none of whom are registered owners or co-owners of Series B Bonds purchased in this calendar year: the husband can purchase \$20,000 (maturity value) in B Bonds in his own name, and if he wishes, he can also purchase an additional \$20,000 (maturity value) in B Bonds registered as follows: \$20,000 in his name, with his wife as co-owner; \$20,000 in his name with one child as co-owner; and \$20,000 in his name with the other child as co-owner.

"In this example, the husband as the sole owner of \$20,000 and as co-owner of \$60,000 in B Bonds, can redeem all or part of the Bonds without obtaining the signature of any of the other co-owners. The same co-ownership provisions apply to Series H Bonds since purchase limits of B and H Bonds are applied separately. In the case of the H Bond, semi-annual interest checks on the full amount held individually and in co-ownership are mailed to the owner.

"Series B is an appreciation Savings Bond earning interest for as long as 10 years after original maturity of 5 years 8 months. The H Bond is a current income Savings Bond paying interest by check twice a year and maturing in 9 years 8 months. It is issued and redeemable at face value."



HENRY FORD II chairman of the Board of Trustees, Ford Foundation, which announced on Monday grants of \$500 million to 615 colleges and 3200 hospitals. Included were three colleges and 28 hospitals in Maine.

GOULD SKATING RINK OPEN

The Gould Academy Outing Club is maintaining a skating rink on the girls' athletic field for the third consecutive year. Each afternoon finds a number of youngsters taking advantage of this opportunity to get some outdoor exercise and Friday and Saturday evenings the place is usually crowded if there are no other activities. The rink is not open on school days evenings when study hours are in session.

The rink is maintained by the club members and has proved very popular especially when the skiing isn't good. An effort will be made to continue the skating during Christmas vacation with the assistance of volunteer workers.

IN AND ABOUT BETHEL

Bethel library will be closed Saturday, December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Garber were in Halifax, Mass., during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Doyen of Portland were in town visiting on Sunday.

Wesley Wheeler and Mrs. Minnie Richardson were in West Baldwin on Sunday.

Mrs. Effie Whitman of South Waterford spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Garber.

Miss Geneva Mitchell, Damariscotta, is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Van Don Kerckhoven.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sargent and daughter of Auburn were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Brooks arrived home Saturday from a three week's vacation spent in Denver and San Francisco.

Mrs. Dan Morgan and daughters, Linda and Donna, spent the week end with Mrs. Morgan's parents, North Conway, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery McIntyre and daughter, Ellen, Milford, were week end guests of Mrs. McIntyre's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nary.

SP3 and Mrs. Raymond York and Susan of Fort Bragg and Winter Harbor were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert York Sunday through Tuesday.

The annual Christmas party for the children of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at 4:30 next Sunday afternoon at the Legion Home.

Persons wishing to contribute to the community Christmas baskets may leave gifts of vegetables, fruit, staples, canned goods or money at the Town Manager's office.

Clifford Rosmond, director of Rumford Institute, will speak on Adult Education at the meeting of the Parent Teacher Association at Crescent Park School Tuesday evening, Dec. 20.

Philip Faudt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Faudt, will celebrate his twelfth birthday next Wednesday, Dec. 21. He and his ten guests will enjoy a Christmas tree and buffet luncheon. Decorations will be in green and red.

The Eleanor Gordon Guild met Wednesday evening at the home of Mary Paine. A pot luck supper was enjoyed with 21 present. It was decided to have Sisters and Secret Pals this coming year. A committee was appointed to take care of Christmas baskets and cards for shut-ins: Frances Saunders, Connie Wing, Norma Buck, Mary Angeline. Janice Cross received the mystery package. There was an exchange of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Earlon Paine and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Saunders entertained members of the Methodist Couples Club, Saturday, at the Paine home. A pot luck supper was served, followed by games, featuring a Christmas party with exchange of gifts. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Avery Angeline, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keniston, Rev. and Mrs. Dwight McFadden, Mr. and Mrs. Donald York, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lutton, Mr. and Mrs. Evans Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fossell, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wing, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Earlon Paine and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Saunders. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Davis will entertain at the next meeting.

McINTOSH, CORTLAND SPY, RED DELICIOUS

APPLES

41 bushel and up according to quality Gift Packages for Christmas Butterscotch and Blue Hubbard Squash

MASON FARM

Tel. Terrace 6-2412 or 6-2417

GOOD REPORT OF SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS

The first Christmas Seal Sale report by the local town chairman shows that contributions in Bethel are very good and totaled \$230.40 on Dec. 2. It was reported by Mrs. George W. Tufts, Auburn, president of the Maine Tuberculosis Association, last week.

The December 2 report a year ago showed contributions totaling \$239.25. Mrs. Tufts said, but pointed out that a comparison cannot be accurately made as the sale opened earlier this year.

Mrs. Charles L. Pendleton is the Christmas Seal Sale chairman for Bethel.

"The fact that no case of tuberculosis can be treated unless it is first discovered and that the undiscovered case is a health menace to everybody, must be kept in mind," Mrs. Tufts said, in reminding the people of the state of the importance of tuberculosis and the work made possible by Christmas Seals.

"Studies have shown that in society—among those we contact while at work, play and even sometimes in the home, there are people who have tuberculosis in infectious stages who do not know they have it. These people must be found and placed under treatment to protect both themselves and others."

"It is estimated that there are several hundred such people in Maine and many thousands in the nation," she stated.

"The Christmas Seal programs of tuberculosis prevention, case-finding, rehabilitation and medical research work constantly to protect and help everyone," Mrs. Tufts concluded.

Christmas Seal chairman for neighboring towns and the total contributions they report as of December 2 are: Greenwood, Mrs. Collista Morgan (\$33.00); Hanover, Mrs. Daisy Warren (\$25.00).

MRS. BERTHA CHASE

Mrs. Bertha Chase, widow of George M. Chase, died Tuesday Dec. 6 at her home in Portland.

She was born in Bethel July 22, 1880, daughter of Goodwin and Matilda Wiley. She attended Bethel schools, was graduated from Gould Academy. She attended Colby College, was graduated from Smith College. For a number of years, she taught school in Portland.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Walter Bergman, Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Dorothy Gunn.

STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CREATES INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

In a move to step up the industrial development work of Maine, communities the Maine State Chamber of Commerce has announced the creation of a new Industrial Committee which will work to set up development groups in every community in the state. The new committee will be headed by Paul E. Merrill of Portland.

In announcing the appointment, George D. Pearce, State Chamber president, said "Mr. Merrill's statewide business interests and his long activity in industrial development in other offices of the Chamber make him admirably suited to head up this very important activity." He added, "This effort is the result of a decision by the State Chamber's board of directors to emphasize in the coming year the Chamber's program for industrial development through local organizations."

As chairman of the committee, Merrill reported that a working group of businessmen, covering a wide geographical area, has already joined the committee and committee in the state will shortly be represented on a county by county basis. "The committee will work," Merrill added, "to organize industrial groups in all communities where none exist and to strengthen those where assistance is needed."

The new group will work in cooperation with State agencies, in particular the new Department of Development, and will be largely concerned with creating through local organization a good climate for industry in Maine communities.

DANCE

NEWRY CORNER FRIDAY, DEC. 16

Refreshments Dear Prize

G. I. Kneeland, D. O. General Practice

Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted Hours: 10 a.m.—12 m.; 2-4, 6-8 p.m. Except Thursday Afternoons and Sundays Tel. 34

GOULD ALUMNI SPONSORING CHRISTMAS DANCE ON DEC. 29

The annual Christmas dance, sponsored by the Gould Academy Alumni Association, will be held at the William Bingham Gymnasium on Thursday, Dec. 29. Supper will be served at the Marian True Gehring Students' Home.

BETHEL EVENING EXTENSION GROUP HOLDS ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

The Bethel Evening Extension Group met on Tuesday, Dec. 13, for supper at the Methodist Church. Several new members were present as guests. Gifts were brought by the members to be sent to the Hyde Memorial Hospital. Following supper the planning meeting was held with the following program for the year:

Jan. 10, Care and Repair around the House; Feb. 14, Slick Tricks in Sewing; March 1, Color for You; March 15, Liquid Embroidery; April 10, Candles; May 8, Plastic Pocketbooks; May 24, Easter Kitchens; June 12, Outing; July 10, Driftwood; Aug. 14, Swedish Weaving and Hairpin Lace; Sept. 11, Metalcraft; Oct. 3, Your Food Dollar; Nov. 13, Aprons and Election of Officers; Dec. 11, Annual Supper and Planning Meeting.

Committees were appointed for Fair Exhibit—Chairman Abbie Brown, Helen Hillier, Grace Merrill, Betty Gilbert; Bazaar Committee—Chairman Betty Gilbert, Agnes Thurston, Polly Myers, Betty Anderson.

There will be classes in Clothing Construction during the month of May and Refinishing Furniture in June. Anyone in the community who wishes to enroll in these classes is welcome and should contact Helen Hillier or Betty Gilbert.

JOHNSTONE NAMED MANAGER OF PUBLICITY BUREAU

Bernard M. Johnstone, Executive Secretary of the Augusta-Hallowell Chamber of Commerce, and Manager of the Augusta Branch of the Maine Publicity Bureau, has been appointed Executive Manager of the Bureau according to an announcement made by James M. Acheson, President of the statewide promotional organization with headquarters in Portland.

Johnstone, a graduate of Colby College in 1932, participated in athletics during his academic years and was captain of the 1931 football team. He coached football at Milo, Skowhegan and Glens Falls, N. Y., and served as Principal of the high school at Kingsfield, Maine, in 1940 and 1941. He entered the Army in 1941 and, upon his release in 1945 became co-owner of the Snell Tire Company of Augusta, selling his interest in that concern in 1950 to assume his present post with the Chamber and Publicity Bureau. He is married and lives at 15 King Street, Augusta. He is a member of the Kennebec Valley Shrine Club, Kora Temple, and the Augusta Country Club, a Director of the Augusta YMCA, Vice President of the Kennebec Valley Community Chest and a Past President of the Augusta Rotary Club.

It is expected that he will assume the office of Executive Manager of the Publicity Bureau on or about January 1, 1956, relieving Guy P. Butler of Falmouth and Bethel whose resignation was announced a few weeks ago.

In making the announcement regarding Johnstone's appointment, Acheson stated that C. Page, Jr., of Gorham, present Field Manager in the Bureau organization, whose appointment to the executive post was announced on November 17, had, for personal reasons, found it necessary to withdraw his acceptance. A special committee of Bureau Directors met in Augusta on Tuesday, December 6, to consider other candidates and unanimously chose Johnstone for the position.

Dairying is an important agricultural industry in every county in Maine. Poultry is also not only Maine's top income-producing agricultural enterprise but has assumed an important role in each county.

BETHEL FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

1 BLAST OF SIREN, followed by the same signal three times on the AIR WHISTLE—WITHIN VILLAGE LIMITS.

2 BLASTS OF SIREN, followed by two blasts three times on the AIR WHISTLE—OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE.

IN CASE OF FIRE notify the telephone operator, who will sound the alarm. Alarm is not sounded for chimney fires.

5 BLASTS OF AIR WHISTLE—Calls for help in any emergency.

\$35,900 FORD GRANT AWARDED RUMFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

The grant of \$35,900 to the Rumford Community Hospital by the Ford Foundation was announced Monday evening. This was part of the \$500 million appropriations approved by the trustees of the Foundation for privately supported institutions throughout the country. This huge sum, to be paid out over the next 18 months, will be shared by 616 regionally accredited privately supported colleges and universities and about 3,500 privately supported hospitals.

The announced grants are in addition to some \$30 million in new appropriations under the Foundation's established program, and they supplement the \$50 million appropriated for teachers' salaries last spring. Also listed is \$90 million for strengthening of instruction in privately supported medical schools.

In Maine, colleges were granted approximately as follows: Bates, \$34,300; Bowdoin, \$509,500; and Colby, \$432,300.

Grants to hospitals in Maine amounted to \$1,237,600. The Eastern Maine General Hospital, Bangor, receives the highest appropriation, \$167,700. Other besides Rumford include the Central Maine General, Lewiston, \$112,400; St. Mary's, Lewiston, \$69,600; Maine General, Portland, \$49,600; Mercy, Portland, \$87,700; Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, Portland, \$42,300.

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR MAILING CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

Check these do's and don'ts before you go to the post office with your Christmas packages.

The post office says you cannot label a package "Rush" or "Do Not Delay" unless you pay a fee for spending handling or special delivery. Nor can you, in most large post offices, mail a package of more than 40 pounds or 72 inches in girth. As a general rule, the best advice is not to wrap a package of more than 35 pounds in weight.

You should print your own address and the address to which you are sending the package. You can label it "Do Not Open Till Christmas," "Perishable," or "Glass." You can enclose a Christmas greeting. And you can speed the package in three ways, by special handling, special delivery, and air express or air parcel post. Special handling is cheaper than special delivery, and does not include special delivery messenger service.—Changing Times.

MATNAUD DOLLOFF AGAIN HEADS STATE GRANGE

Maynard C. Dolloff, of Gray, was re-elected master of the Maine State Grange at last week's 82nd annual session at Bangor. Other officers named were J. Merrill Hatch, of West Milford, overseer; Mrs. Lottie E. York, of Winthrop, lecturer; the Rev. Royal Brown, of Gardiner, chaplain; Percy H. Brown, of Canton, treasurer; Mrs. Nellie L. Haseall, of Auburn, secretary; Mrs. Edith Hatch, of West Milford, Pomona; Miss Phyllis Dolloff, of Gray, Flora; Maurice King, of Penobscot, gatekeeper; Mrs. Caro McGraw, of East Blue Hill, assistant steward; Isabelle Perkins, of Wells, Ceres; and Leon Hawkes, of Portland, and Harold Gray, of Dover-Foxcroft, both executive committeemen.

Regardless of the time of day, when it starts to get dark, turn on your headlights. You may not feel that you need them to light up the road, but remember that these headlights will help other drivers to see you. Our Governor's Committee on Highway Safety reminds us that darkness hides danger.

Dr. Boynton will be out of town

Dec. 26-Jan. 1

THIS CHRISTMAS

GIVE THE GIFT THAT'S GUARANTEED

A YEAR!

A year's subscription to The Citizen—

most appreciated

by anyone who has ever lived hereabouts.

Sent almost anywhere for

\$2.50

We send gift announcement cards

The Week in Oxford County

Mrs. Constance Bucknam, 66, died in a fire which destroyed her trailer home in South Rumford Wednesday afternoon. The fire was reported to have resulted from an exploding oil burner.

Laurence Breton, member of the Rumford Public Safety Commission, present his resignation to the selectmen of that town.

A large 10-wheel truck loaded with bags of spools and owned by the Stowell Spool Company, Bryant Pond overturned on the Rumford road, Friday. Theodore Britt, driver of the truck, averted the huge vehicle to avoid hitting a kitten. The driver was unharmed.

and damage to the truck was estimated at \$200.

Jesse Edwards, the oldest resident of the town of Norway, was presented the gold-headed cane. Mr. Edwards is 90 years old and has lived in Norway since 1883.

James Virgin, 20-year-old Mexico youth, fell from a wood truck in a side swipe accident Tuesday. He was taken to Rumford hospital with severe head lacerations.

The Spanish War Veterans and Auxiliary held their annual Christmas meeting at the Hotel Stone, Norway, Sunday. Installation of officers was held at the VFW Home, Groves.



Thursday, December 15

Read Matthew 27-32.
God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

JOAN was overwhelmed with a gift of beads her younger sister had given her. She wondered how Mary had been able to pay for them. After discreet inquiries, Joan returned with them to the shop. The kind jeweler assured Joan that Mary had indeed paid for them. "But she could not have paid for them; she did not have that much money," emphasized Joan. "Take them and wear them," replied the understanding jeweler; "she gave the most anyone could ever give—she gave all she had."

Can we truly grasp what the incarnation really means? We can,

if we realize that God came in human form to this needy world. In making Himself in the likeness of man, with Calvary as the inevitable outcome, God was indeed giving all that He could give.

At this season of giving can we do less? We can but offer Him again all that we have and are—our hearts, our lives, our love, ourselves.

Prayer
O Lord God, Thou hast given to us above all Thy gifts, the gift of Christ. We offer ourselves wholeheartedly to Thee in return, that Thou mayest be our King and Lord forevermore through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thought For The Day
The gift God most desires from me, today and every day, is the gift of myself.

—Elizabeth Urech (Scotland)



BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Dwight H. McMahon, Pastor
Miss Minnie Wilson, Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday, Dec. 18:
Sunday School for all classes at 9:45 a. m.

Church Worship at 11 a. m. Sermon by Pastor on theme: "Immanuel—God Present With Us." No meeting of Methodist Youth Fellowship, because of Gould Academy Vespers on this Sunday.

Thursday, Dec. 22:
Stegular Junior Choir Rehearsal at 3:30 p. m.

At the Sunday School Christmas Tree program, Thursday, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p. m. a program prepared by Mrs. Earl Davis will include singing by the Junior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Phillip Paul. There will be a "White Gift" offering by all present. This offering goes to help build a new chapel at Deaconess (Meth.) Hospital in Boston. This offering takes the place of "red-stocking" offering, which was used in former years.

WEST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Charles L. Pendleton, Minister
Mrs. John Tobetta, Choir Director
Miss Dawnie Christie, Organist

Sunday, Dec. 18:
Church School at 9:30 a. m.
The Children of the Church School are asked to bring gifts of vegetables, fruit and staples for use in community Christmas baskets.

Morning Worship at 11:00.

The morning's sermon is entitled "The Gift."

WEST BETHEL UNION CHURCH

At 2:30 p. m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, Rev. Dwight H. McMahon will preach a Christmas sermon.

LAUREL HILLS UNION CHURCH

Charles L. Pendleton, Minister
Mrs. Richard Melville, Choir Director

Raymond Swan, Sunday School Superintendent

Church School at 10:45.

7:30 p. m. The annual Christmas service will be held in the form of a pageant entitled "The Holy Nativity" by Mary A. Linsinger and Mattie B. Shannon. The choir will provide special Christmas music throughout the pageant.

Church attendance last Sunday: 44.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

There will be Catholic Mass at the American Legion Hall at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Authorized Christian Science Literature and textbook may be found in the Public Library.

Music Reading: "Hail me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for thou art my praise" (Jeremiah 17:14).

BRYANT POND BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. O. E. Lindahl, Pastor

Friday, Dec. 16: Church Decorated Day

Saturday, Dec. 17:
Special Dress Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant, 8:00 p. m.

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The Gould Academy Christmas Vespers will be held in the West Parish Congregational Church beginning at 8 p. m., Sunday.

Gayle A. Foster, faculty member and Camera Club advisor, and the Gould Camera Club are the subject of an interesting article by Samuel Grieron, ARPS, APSA, in the January, 1955, issue of the U. S. Camera, a national publication. Martin Bovey, 40, and Robert Foster, 46, two Gould graduates who had their early training in photography under Mr. Foster at the Academy are specifically mentioned in the articles for their accomplishments.

The Christmas Vacation will begin on Tuesday noon, Dec. 20, and extend to Tuesday, January 3. Boarding students are scheduled to return on Monday, January 2, and classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3, at 8:30 a. m.

Bridgton Defeats Gould 72-52
The Gould defense failed to stop Bridgton High last Tuesday as Richie Johns scored 30 points in leading his team to a 72-52 victory over Gould. Goodson and Berry came through with 14 and 13 points to help the winning cause. The Huskies were in the ball game during the first half as they were behind by only 4 and 5 points at the end of each of the first two periods. In the third period that proved fatal to Gould as Johns and company scored 22 points to assume a 53-39 margin.

For Gould, Knight with 18 points and Jenckes with 16 did most of the scoring. The Bridgton five leads the Western Division of the Sun Journal League with three wins and no losses. Gould has a 0-2 record.

In the preliminary game the JV's lost a hard fought close game by a 45-39 score.

	G	B	P
Gould	8	0	0
Jenckes	1	4	16
Slidings	0	0	0
White	3	2	8
Hill	0	0	0
Knight	6	6	18
Roberts	0	0	0
Murphy	1	0	2
Willard	2	2	6
Small	1	0	2
Totals	21	10	52

	G	B	P
Bridgton	2	1	0
Thurlow	2	0	0
Douglas	0	0	0
Cushman	0	0	0
Berry	3	2	13
Clawson	0	0	0
Johns	10	10	30
Locke	2	1	6
Goodson	8	4	14
Kilburn	2	0	0
MacDonald	0	0	0
Welch	0	0	1
Totals	28	20	72

Gould Teams Nipped at South Paris

Both Gould teams went down to one point defeats at South Paris last Friday. The JV's lost in overtime 26-36 and a last minute shot by Jim Sealey gave the Cardinals victory a 49 to 48 win in the main event. The winners stepped out to 13-8 and 25-21 leads in the first two periods. In the third period Gould came back strong with Jenckes and Knight scoring

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PURITY CHAPTER TO ENTERTAIN MASONS AT JANUARY MEETING

Purity Chapter, OES, held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 7, at the Masonic Hall. A pot-luck supper was served at 6:30 p. m., followed by the meeting of the Ways and Means Club and the regular meeting. Plans were made to entertain the Masons at the January meeting which will be held on Jan. 4. The following committees were appointed: Program, Mrs. Doris Bryant, Mrs. Viola Lockton, Mrs. Patricia Bennett, Mrs. Margaret Clark, Mrs. Helen Morton, and Mrs. Arline Rozelle; smorgasbord, Mrs. Frances Saunders, Mrs. Pauline King, Mrs. Sue Brooke, Mrs. Ethelyn Wight, Mrs. Mary Palne

well. The Huskies went ahead midway of the period and led most of the way until Sealey's final shot with only seconds to go.

The Huskies showed great improvement in their play, especially the forwards and center. The guards, however, produced only 2 points between them and had trouble getting the ball away.

	G	B	P
Jenckes	1	4	16
White	1	4	6
Knight	6	10	22
Roberts	1	0	2
Murphy	0	0	0
Totals	10	16	48

	G	B	P
South Paris	2	1	0
Merrill	1	1	3
Day	4	1	9
Edwards	0	1	1
King	0	0	12
Nelt	0	0	0
Houtari	3	5	11
Sealey	5	3	33
Totals	19	11	40

	G	B	P
Gould	8	21	39
South Paris	13	25	35
Hobbs, Nichols	4	8	8

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BRYANT POND

Mrs. Edith G. Abbott, Corres.

The annual Planning Meeting of the Woodstock Extension Service was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Davis, with ten women present. The following program was planned for the coming year: Jan. 28, Slick Tricks for Home Sewing, leader, Mrs. Cleo Billings, Feb. 17, Color for You, leader, HDA, March 22, Baking Time, leader, Mrs. Annie Morgan, April 26, Care and Repair in the Home, leader, Mrs. Sadie Lakeway, May 23, Making the Kitchen an Easier Place in which to Work, leader, HDA, June 28, Driftwood, July, Tour, Aug. 28, Out of the Freezer into the Oven, Foods Leader, Sept. 6, Your Food, Your Pocketbook and You, leader, HDA, Oct. 25, Aprons, leader, Clothing, Nov. 15, Christmas Suggestions, December, Planning Meeting. A Christmas tree and exchange of gifts followed the meeting and refreshments were served.

Schools close Friday for two weeks' vacation. The following Christmas entertainment is being presented by the grade pupils of the Central School Thursday night, at the Gym: Primary Room, Mrs. Elsie Cole, teacher; Exercise, "Because It's Customary" — Lorraine Redman, Donna Morgan, Brenda Wing, "We're Scared" — Clayton York, John Day, Philip House, John Cole, Kenneth Remsen and Stephen Buck, Action Recitation — Monica Porter, Laurie Stearns, Andrea Swan, Cathy Emmons, Peggy Wing, Cynthia Farnum, Anita Gaugler, and Sherbourne Noyes. "A Question" — Teddy Ring, Bonnie MacKillop, Laska Coffin, and Seth Warner. "Once There Was a Baby" — Joy Emmons, Lillian Brooks and Ednor Andrews. "Being Good" — Milford Twitchell, Stuart McInnis, Keith Swan, Jerrold Emmons and Dave Howe. Song, "Away in a Manger" by all, Grades 2 and 3; Mrs. Agnes Hathaway, teacher: "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe" — Old Woman — Diane Farnar, "I Saw Mommie Kissing Santa Claus" — Rose Cushman, Poem — "After Christmas" — Brian Buck, Songs, "Santa Claus" and "Merry Christmas" — Grades 2 and 3, Grades 4, 5, and 6; Mrs. Florence Redding, teacher: Piano Solo, "Cantique de Noel" — Susan Hathaway, "Silver Bells" — Introduction — Katherine Mills; Chorus, Bell Ringers, Shoppers and Children — Gr. 4, 5, and 6; Grades 7 and 8, Paul Wight, teacher, Song, "Deck the Halls" — Accompanist, Margie Cox. Poem —

Middle Intervale Road

Mary C. Stanley, Corres.

Mrs. Norman Dock and daughter, Gretchen, were in Portland, last week for treatment.

Mrs. L. E. Davis and Mrs. Norman Dock were in Norway, Tuesday.

Mrs. Edith Eyster and two sons, flew to Fort Worth, Texas, Tuesday for Christmas.

UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Corres.

Mrs. Dorothy Judkins took the Extension Service members to the training class at Bethel one day last week.

Kendrick Judkins has finished his job at Laconia, N. H., and is now home.

At the regular Grange meeting held at the home of C. A. Judkins Saturday evening, Dec. 10th, Ernest Holt of Bear River Grange, shared 35 slides of pictures he had taken in Wyoming and nearby territory also some taken enroute.

Fred Judkins slaughtered a bull recently. He sold half of it to John Hathaway of Bethel who came to get it Sunday afternoon.

Parent Teachers meeting was held at the schoolhouse Monday evening, Dec. 12, with Fred and Ben Judkins as entertainment and refreshment committee.

Margie Cox, Lorraine Cole, Song, "White Christmas" — Charles McAlister, Song, "Winter Wonderland" — Margie Cox, Song, "The First Noel" by Gr. 7 and 8. Each grade will have a Christmas tree with gifts on Friday.

The Woodstock High School Alumni Association met Thursday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Swan. Plans for a skating rink were discussed and the following committee appointed: LaForest Twitchell, Stanley Morgan and Merle Ring. A committee was appointed as follows, to try to obtain a used piano for the grade schools: Mrs. Ruth Tyler and Stanley Morgan.

Sgt. First Class Erlend Scribner, with Mrs. Scribner and two children, Arlington, Va., are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Dunham and other relatives. They will stay until the first of January, when they expect to go to Alaska.

Midshipman Sterling Mills, from the Maine Maritime Academy, Castine, spent Thursday until Sunday his mother, Mrs. Norman Mills. Norman Mills is improving at the Rumford Community Hospital, he has been a medical patient for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Verrill, East Providence, R. I., have bought the Agnes Brooks place on Lower Main Street. They are staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Verrill, South Woodstock, while making repairs and improvements.

The D. of U. V. met at the home of Mrs. Bessie Andrews Monday evening with ten members present. Sister Helen Ring thanked the Tent for the sunshine box sent her while she was ill with the flu. It was voted to donate \$2.00 to Tugus for Christmas. A Christmas tree with gifts for members and three platters was enjoyed. Refreshments of pop corn, candy and a birthday cake for President Edith Hathaway, were served by the December committee: Mrs. Arline MacKillop and Mrs. Verna Swan.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Ring are both ill with the flu. Theodore Dunham has the flu and asthma. Arthur Ring is carrying the mail during Mr. Dunham's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Swan called on their son, Kenneth Swan, and family at South Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hathaway, Sunday.

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WEST BETHEL

Mrs. Ruth Gilbert, Corres.

Pleasant Valley Grange met last Thursday night with 31 members and two visitors present. It was decided to hold a Christmas party at next meeting with an exchange of gifts, each person is to bring a small gift. Refreshment committee is Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Walker. The program was a mystery march won by Gordon Mason, reading, "December Is Here," Mrs. Norman Hall; Song, "Jingle Bells," Grange; Reading, "December," Lona Gilbert; reading from Whittier's "Snowbound," Mrs. Arthur Gilbert, Mrs. Allen Walker and Mrs. Paul Head; Game, Mather Goose Rhymes, won by team headed by Mrs. Mary Richardson. Refreshments of pie and coffee were served by Mrs. Norman Hall, Mrs. Katherine Bennett and Mrs. Robert Gilbert.

The Maple Leaf 4-H Club will have their Christmas Party Saturday at the home of Mrs. George Gilbert. The mothers are invited to attend.

The Sunday School will hold their last session for the winter season Sunday at the home of Mrs. Paul Head with a Christmas tree and exchange of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bennett and Mrs. Allen Walker were in Rumford Tuesday.

Donald Walker and sons, Dean and Craig, have returned home after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Walker.

Mrs. Robert Gilbert was in Lewiston Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hall, Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert were in Rumford, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walker and Diana were in Berlin, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Gilbert were in Portland, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rolfe were in Berlin, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbert were at Watford Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bennett were among members of Mt. Abram Fish and Game Association who were entertained at a potluck dinner Sunday at Jefferson, N. H. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett.

SUNDAY RIVER

Mrs. R. M. Fleet, Corres.

Mrs. Marion Kimball, Mrs. Mary Kendall and Mrs. Julia Fleet attended the 1955 Leaders Extension Group training class at Bethel, Wednesday.

Mrs. Eva Yates called on her neighbors with her Christmas cards Thursday.

Estes Yates took eggs to Rumford, Friday.

Jack and Paul Dufault of Lewiston spent Wednesday with their brothers, Frederick and Leo Dufault.

Current president of the Maine Extension Association is Seavey A. Piper, of Troy, Waldo County.

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fault on Jack's wood lot.
Mrs. Mary Kendall and Mrs. Elizabeth Wight spent Dec. 3 shopping in Lewiston.

David Fleet has a part time job loading trucks.

The Sunday River Sunday School will close with its Christmas tree on Dec. 20. We hope all the children and parents will be present.

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Christmas, 1954 — the worst on record when measured in terms of sudden death from traffic accidents, fires, falls, drownings and other miscellaneous mishaps.

In all, 694 persons that Christmas week-end died as a result of accidents. And 60 of them were fire's victims.

A week-end later, New Year's, 1955, 340 more met sudden death, this time 26 by fire.

And when fire was the cause, how had it occurred? Why?

Was it the gaily-lighted Christmas tree? Defective wiring? A lighted cigarette carelessly discarded?

It could have been any one of these causes or one of many others as well.

But when all are reduced to a common denominator, the cause is carelessness. And this can be avoided.

Potential Hazard
Take the Christmas tree, for instance. It's a potential fire hazard and caution should be taken in its selection, placement in the home, and maintenance.

You can play it safe by choosing a small one. There will be \$5 million on the market.

Keep it outdoors until a few days before setting it up. During that time occasionally throw water over it. This will keep it moist, fresh.

When you bring the tree inside, cut the butt diagonally to open the pores, then stand it in a tub of water. Be wary of chemicals or other substances used for "fireproofing" trees. In some cases this process is ineffective.

Be Sure Toys Are Safe
Adults should insist that all toys they buy or give to children be safe—incapable of causing fire, shock, or explosion.

Your best assurance of getting a safe electrical toy is to look for the U. L. label or tag on the toy.

The U. L. label is especially important on toys producing heat. A U. L.-tagged toy will not shock the user or start a fire.

Adults should take care also in purchasing chemical sets for children. Toys requiring alcohol, kerosene, gasoline or carbide lamps may be hazardous in juvenile hands.

Parents should supervise any play with electrical toys or toys involving fuels and chemicals.

In placing the tree, it's best to avoid "hot spots" such as those near the fireplace, stove, television set, radiator, or electric bulbs.

Never use untreated paper ornaments or untreated cotton batting or gauze for decoration. Cotton and gauze can be made flame-retardant by dipping in a gallon of water mixed with nine ounces of borax and four ounces of boric acid.

Look for U. L. Label
Also use only electric lights, never candles. Be sure, too, that wires are in good condition and bear the U. L. mark denoting Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., which shows they have been tested for safety. Frayed electric cords are a fire hazard.

The switch for turning on the tree lights should be placed some distance from the tree. Never use an outlet or plug under the tree or run electric trains around the base.

Here are some other suggestions:

Caution with Costumes
A child wearing a gauzy costume and holding a lighted candle can be transformed into a flaming torch in a few seconds.

Santa's whippers are also fuel for flames. A movie star who played Santa Claus for a children's party forgot he was wearing a big white beard and lit a cigar. His beard flared up.

A New York girl wore a black net evening gown at a Christmas party. She brushed against a lighted candelabra which immediately ignited her dress.

These incidents emphasize the need for caution at Christmas. Wearing of flammable flimsy costumes and dresses of net or gauze-like fabrics should be discouraged. If they are worn, they can be made flame resistant with the following solution:

9 ounces borax
4 ounces boric acid
1 gallon of water

The fabric should be well saturated with the solution, then wrung out by hand, and hung to dry. Fabrics so treated will retain their flexibility and softness. However, the flame-retardant qualities are lost when the fabric is washed again, and the process must be repeated after each washing.

When Dresses Catch Fire
When clothes catch fire—don't run. Throw the victim to the floor and roll her in a rug, a blanket or a coat.

Wrap the rug or blanket around the neck first, to keep the poisonous gases of combustion away from the face.

If no rug, blanket or coat is available, roll the victim over and over on the floor to smother the flames.

Turning only fans the flames. Since all fire gases rise, a victim in an upright position tends to inhale the toxic gases.

It is in knowing what to do in these situations that will save your life.

Some of the 60 who died last Christmas didn't know.

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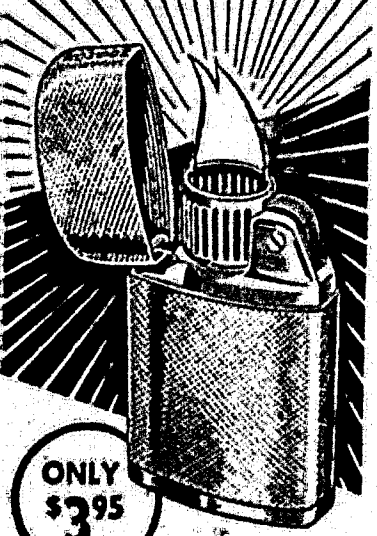
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ACROSS the DESK

Ideas from other editors

From the Italy News-Herald, Italy, Texas—During the past two weeks we have had occasion to be thrown into the company of men from foreign countries both of whom were able to speak English. Yet, we would not so much as have recognized their language had they spoken in their native tongue. This started us to thinking and we were impressed with accounts we have read of so many foreigners who can come to this country—and many others—and converse freely.

We pride ourselves on being modern, up-and-coming, with the very latest of scientific gadgets and machines; we speak of our educational system as being applied to all citizens and consider our people to be the best educated in the world. Few of us can speak more than one language, however, and even those who do study a foreign language in our schools seldom get sufficiently proficient in it to conduct a conversation.

Amir Nasid of Calcutta, India, apologized profusely last week for his accent, but we assured him that we had no difficulty in understanding him and wished that we could be sure of doing one-half so well if we visited India. "You would have no trouble there," he said, "because practically everyone speaks English."

Economic Highlights

Happenings That Affect the Future of Every Individual — National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare.

A long feature article in the November 21st issue of Newsweek is devoted to "The Revolution on Our Railroads." Its tone is set in an introduction which observes that "When the roads wound up the back- and track-breaking job they were called upon to do during the second world war, it looked as if they were headed downhill on a clear track to another round of receiverships. The much-discussed 'railroad problem' was beginning to look like a permanent institution. However, this introduction continues, 'The men who run the U. S. railroad had other ideas. During the past 10 years, they literally have rebuilt their lines, their organizations, their finances. Despite new and powerful competition, the railroads today not only are holding their own but are fighting harder and more effectively than ever to improve and increase their payoffs.'

The article itself by Newsweek's Associate Editor John A. Conway is a full and detailed job. Here are a few highlights.

The cost of this railroad revolution has been enormous—since World War II the lines have spent almost \$11,000,000,000 on equipment, tracks and terminals. And, as Mr. Conway puts it, "The price they faced was just as big." The railroads' share of the total freight and passenger business had been dropping fast, and no one knew if the tide could be reversed or even slackened.

A major part of the spending—\$3,500,000,000—was for new locomotives which would do more work, do it faster, and do it for less money. Almost 21,000 of these monsters have been bought, and others are on order. Work is even underway on an atomic locomotive.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

I dip today my pen in ink and sound-off on how we could do a bit of refurbishing in Govt., "presidentially" speaking. Our Senator Ike has had too much to do—not that he has not done a skunkum job—he has. He has shifted a heap of work to selected men—but if we get a good man and want to keep him a good one, there should be a shift-away from making the president's every move an occasion for handshaking or show, so that some damn or guy can go on home and tell the natives just how they shook the president's hand or looked him right in the eye.

But it is not Ike's job to curb the side appearances. It is the job of the ones around him to put on the brakes.

You know, if the public has got to shake hands and such, we could either do as England does, who's Queen or King make the public appearances while others make the laws. Or we could hire ourselves a reasonably good facsimile of our President—say look-alikes for handshaking duties and leave the President to his task of steering the ship of state, simmered down, let's don't make the road rougher and tougher for Senator Ike. Such a type does not grow profusely by the roadside. And in the second place—his name will need him in fettle in due time—down on the farm. Mucking, run know—and eggs and such.

Yours with the low down,
JO HENRY

How Much Debt Can You Afford?

How much debt can your budget stand? How do you decide whether or not to take on additional debt? Each month people have been borrowing one dollar for every six they spend, adding \$8 of new installment debt for every \$5 they repay. Alarming? Yes, say the editors of "Changing Times, The Kiplinger Magazine."

There are yardsticks to use to see whether or not your family is too deep in debt. These rules have been developed by bankers and professional credit men. They vary some, but by using them you can check up on your own debt and find out if you are within safe limits.

1. The total amount you owe should not go much beyond 20% of a year's income.

2. You should not owe more than the amount that 10% of your income would pay off within 12 to 24 months.

3. Debts should not total more than a third of your income left over after you pay for food, clothing and shelter.

The size of any installment you commit yourself to make is important too. A conservative total could be \$100 a month. Here's how to see if your payments are the right size. First, most people have reached their limit when all monthly installment payments total more than 20% to 25% of monthly take-home pay. This is a limit, not a "safe" limit. A healthy debt picture would presumably show payments totaling less than that.

Second, the payments to any single creditor should not, in general, be more than 10% of monthly income.

Here are five ways, suggested by "Changing Times" editors, to prevent yourself from getting in over your head.

"Don't take on any debt that will run longer than the period for which you can safely forecast your income and outgo."

"When you buy on credit, you are paying slightly more in exchange for having the goods or service now, so don't repay over so long a period that interest will mount to a sum that is more than you want to pay for the privilege."

"When buying cars, major appliances, etc., don't sign up for terms that will have you owing noticeably more than the resale value of the item bought."

"In general, make your down payment as large, and your repayment period as short, as you possibly can without undue strain."

"Avoid 'balloon notes'—those where installment payments pay off only part of the amount due and a lump sum payment is required at the end."

These days when you can find someone who will give you almost any terms you want, keeping within your credit budget is a matter of will power and budget balancing. Except in a crisis, it's not to use your maximum credit capacity but keep it within safe limits for necessities, long-lasting goods and equipment that may help pay for itself through budget savings.

Today, credit has become almost the lifeblood of everyday financial operations, both in business and at home. If you have debts on personal loans you are not alone; 55% of the people in this country do, too.

But among these folks, the majority devote less than 20% of after-tax income to making monthly payments. Few of these debts will run longer than a year.

Wisely handled, credit is an asset and worth using, but keep in mind an old money maxim, rewritten: "Credit is a good servant, but a bad master."

NEWRY

Patricia Morton was the week end guest of her aunt, Mrs. Daisy Reed, in Rumford.

Favorable reports are heard from the hospitalized victims of the recent tragic automobile accident in Newry.

There was a good attendance at the church supper on Dec. 8. The slides and movies of the Sequel-tennial were much enjoyed.

The planning meeting of the Extension Association was held this Wednesday at Mrs. Fred

Wight's with Mrs. Mary Wall as co-hostess. Plans were made for some varied and practical programs for next year. Committees were appointed as follows: Sunshine, for Sunday River, Mrs. Bertha Bean, for Bear River, Carrie Wight; Know Your Neighbor, Mrs. Daisy Morton, Canada was chosen as the neighbor for study.

The Extension Association will hold a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Bertha Bean on Monday evening, Dec. 19. There will be a tree with exchange of gifts. It is hoped that all members will attend.

EAST BETHEL

Mrs. David Foster, Corres.

Mrs. Helen Bean of Rumford visited Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Bartlett on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are feeling quite a bit better.

Mrs. Ida Blake and Victor Robinson were Sunday guests of Mrs. Hilda Swan.

There will be a meeting of the Lucky Clover 4-H Club at the home of their leader, Mrs. Marguerite Bartlett on Sunday, Dec. 18.

There will be a meeting of Alder River Grange, No. 145, on Dec. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Coffin, Jeanne, and Miss Jeanne Newton of Norway were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Newton.

Miss Judy Verrill of Milton Road, Bethel, was a weekend guest of Miss Donna Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Abbott of North Woodstock, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot and Stanley of Rumford Point, were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Nannette Foster. On Monday, Mrs. John Howe Sr. and John Howe Jr. of

North Woodstock were visitors of Mrs. Nannette Foster.

David Foster and son, John, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hamlin in South Waterford.

Miss June Foster and Richard Stearns of Rumford Corner were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. David Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howe of Hanover were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings.

We decided to give the toy drive that we won in the magazine to Toys for Tots. — George Epper is leaving us for Texas, Tuesday. We are having a contest on spelling. The names of the teams are: Winning team and Champion team. We are studying fractions. We missed Mrs. Hastings while she was out sick for two days. We are also decorating our tree for Friday—Merry Christmas.

—Reporters, Julia and Nancy Brown.

Grade 6—Mrs. Lord. Peter Davis furnished a Christmas tree for our room, Friday, Dec. 16 we will have our Christmas party. We made Christmas cards and sent them to our cooks and janitor. We made snowflakes, stars, and envelopes for art. In English we are studying adverbs. In arithmetic we are working on fractions. Annette Hall brought us a wreath for our door. Carol Keokle brought some lights for our tree. We are looking forward for two weeks vacation. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—Reporters, Carol Keokle and Bonnie Eames.

Grade 6—Miss Varner. Nelson Smith brought our tree Monday morning and we decorated it Monday afternoon.—We are having our Christmas Party Friday.

Grade 6—Mrs. Hastings. We are decorating our room for Christmas. We are glad that Sue Kneeland is back from chicken-

ing. —Reporters, Jerry Freeman, Doug Rice, Malcolm Bennett.

SCHOOL NEWS

Grade 4—Mrs. Ring, Miss Ballard. We are glad to have all the children who have been out sick able to be back for the Christmas tree.

We have been making Christmas decorations for our rooms.—Those who have not been absent a day for the first 14 weeks of school are: Pamme Chase, Gregory Howe, Lorraine Eames, Arthur Verrill, Richard Fraser, Martha Keniston and Richard Lapham.—Those who have been absent only one-half day for the first 14 weeks of school are: James Logan, Ellnor Mills, and Olga Sweet.

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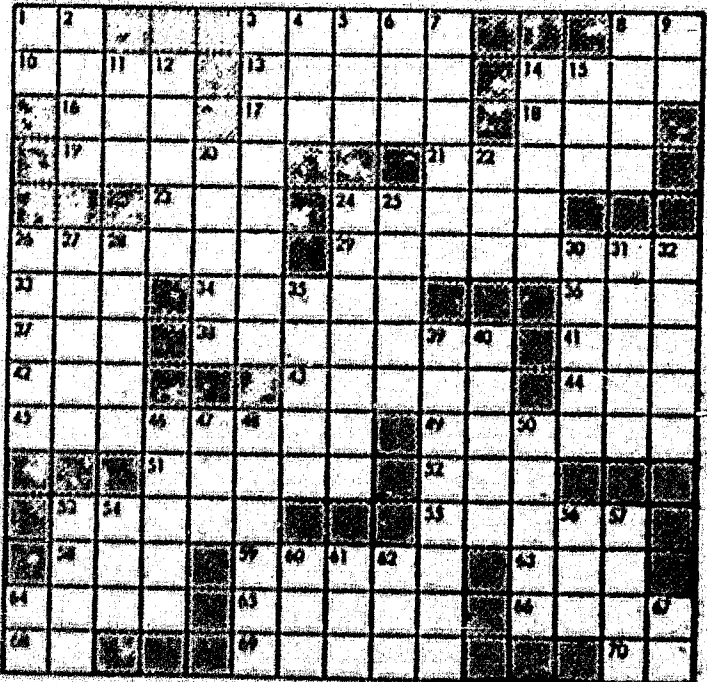
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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MEETS AT MRS. LURVEY'S HOME

Mrs. Lurvey and Miss Helen Varner entertained members of Delta Kappa Gamma at Mrs. Lurvey's home, Saturday. It was voted to entertain the August Chapter at a banquet at the Elm Hotel in Auburn, Jan. 21.

Program was in the form of representations of the Christmas customs of 15 different nations. A guessing contest was held with prizes of a door spray and a small wreath being won by Mrs. Daphne Merrill and Mrs. Hazel Towle. A Christmas tree with exchange of gifts was enjoyed, as were refreshments served by the hostesses. Mrs. Lurvey was presented a tray from the group as a housewarming gift. Members present were Mrs. Marjorie Banaas, Mrs. Margaret Melnia, Mrs. Minerva Anderson, Rumford; Mrs. Emogene Staples, Mrs. Bernice Greenaw and Mrs. Mildred McAlister, Norway; Miss Kathleen Polster, Mrs. Bertha Higgins, South Paris; Mrs. Hazel Towle, Mexico; Mrs. Daphne Merrill, Fryeburg; Mrs. Dorothy Ross and Mrs. Agnes Gray, West Paris; Miss Helen Varner and Mrs. Olive Lurvey, of Bethel; Miss Mary Melnia, Rumford, and Mrs. Naomi Varner, of Bethel, were guests. The next meeting will be held at the Elm Hotel, Auburn, Jan. 21.

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LIONS HOLD CHRISTMAS MEETING

The Bethel Lions Club held their annual Christmas meeting at the Legion Hall on Monday evening with one of the best attendances of the year. Thirty-seven members and two guests enjoyed a Christmas tree and exchange of gifts. The program was planned by Lion Bill Chapman and Lion Dale Thurston acting as Santa. The door prize was won by Henry Hastings and the other special prize of the evening.

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Harold Churchill's house was damaged by smoke and fire Monday afternoon. It is reported that the fire was caused by an overheated chimney.

Harry Swan Jr. cut his finger badly last week at his work. Twelve stitches were required to close the wound.

Mr. and Mrs. Raynor Littlefield were in North Abington, Mass., for several days this week end. While there they attended the 98th birthday of Sidney Littlefield. Mrs. Littlefield, 98, was born in Abington, Mass., and lived there while they were gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Ford were at Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett's, Jefferson, N. H., Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Pfaudler and Mrs. Harry Swift attended the training

class of the Extension Service held at Bethel last Wednesday.

Miss Judy Andrews is reported as gaining and possibly will be home for Christmas.

Harold Marshall remains on the danger list at the VA Hospital, Togus. Mrs. Marshall spent the week end in Togus.

Mrs. Georgia Mason fell last week and received a cut above her eye that required two stitches to close. She also injured her hand and wrist severely.

The Community Club held a potluck supper Tuesday evening at the town hall, under the direction of Mrs. Bertha Flanders. Mrs. Constance Blanchard, Mrs. Yvonne Porter. There were 30 members present. Mrs. Bertha Flanders presided over the meeting. Next month Mrs. Lorraine Pfaudler will preside. James Blanchard and Donald Bennett were appointed to set a Christmas tree on the common.

Miss Christine Churchill has been sick and out of school for about a week end with her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Merrill, of Bethel.

Mrs. Anna Coolidge spent last week end with her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Merrill, of Bethel.

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WEST PARIS

Mrs. Roxie Inman, Cor.

Mrs. Ann Proctor was tendered a surprise stork shower Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Edwina Palmer, with Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Anne Dunham as co-hostesses. A stork container with flowers centered the refreshment table. After the honor guest opened her many lovely gifts, refreshments including a decorated shower cake were served to the following guests: Gertrude Andrews, Beryl Bonney, Linda Lillmatt, Norma Helkett, Frances Haney, Eleanor Inman, Miriam Inman, Reta Proctor, Violet Hibler, Thalia Curtis, Gladys Ellingwood, Mary Emery, Beatrice Heath, Miriam Morgan and the guest of honor, Bessie Bonney, Roxie Inman, Evelyn Abbott, Ruth Stearns, Lillian Stearns, Marjorie Chase, Olive Tuell, Patty Thurlow, Glen Hyman, Marie Hibler, Lila Ellingwood, Martha Day, Ethelyn Ruokalainen, Connie Bacon, Joan Young, Elizabeth Penley, Agnes Doughty, Beale Mann, Shalla Heath, Doris Lawrence, Myrtle Downing, Marietta Penley, Gary Inman.

On Tuesday evening at the Legion Home, the Ring-McKeen Post and Auxiliary entertained their families at a pot luck supper and Christmas party. The children received gifts and candy, and the adults exchanged gifts. Ivan Moray furnished the Christmas tree. Mrs. Ivan Moray and Mrs. Warren Abbott had charge of the decorations. Mrs. Florence Abbott had charge of the supper.

The annual ingathering for the Clara Barton and the Elliot P. Joslin Diabetic Camps was held at the Good Will Hall, Wednesday evening with the Good Will AOW. Eleanor D. Forbes, Class and the Forward Fellowship taking part. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Beatrice Jackson and Mrs. Leone Penley. Refreshment committee was Mrs. Beale Mann, Mrs. Doris Emery, Mrs. Edwina Palmer and Mrs. Jeanne Whittemore.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dunham recently entertained at supper his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrews and Mrs. Mabel Dunham of Bryant Pond.

Mrs. Alta Salls, missionary, was the guest speaker at the Baptist Church, Wednesday evening. She showed slides of the work at the Marshall Girls School in Africa.

Mrs. Ella Whitney, Oxford, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Walter Inman, on Saturday.

Arthur Dean, USAF, Limestone AFB, spent the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dean.

Mrs. Eleanor Hunter and son, Stephen, were in town.

PROBATE APPOINTMENTS

The following subscribers hereby give notice that they have received the appointments as indicated from the Probate Court of Oxford County. All persons having demands against the estates represented by them are desired to present the same for settlement and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Lewis O. Lovejoy, late of Bethel, deceased; Harold McInnes of Rumford, Executor without bond, Oct. 5, 1955.

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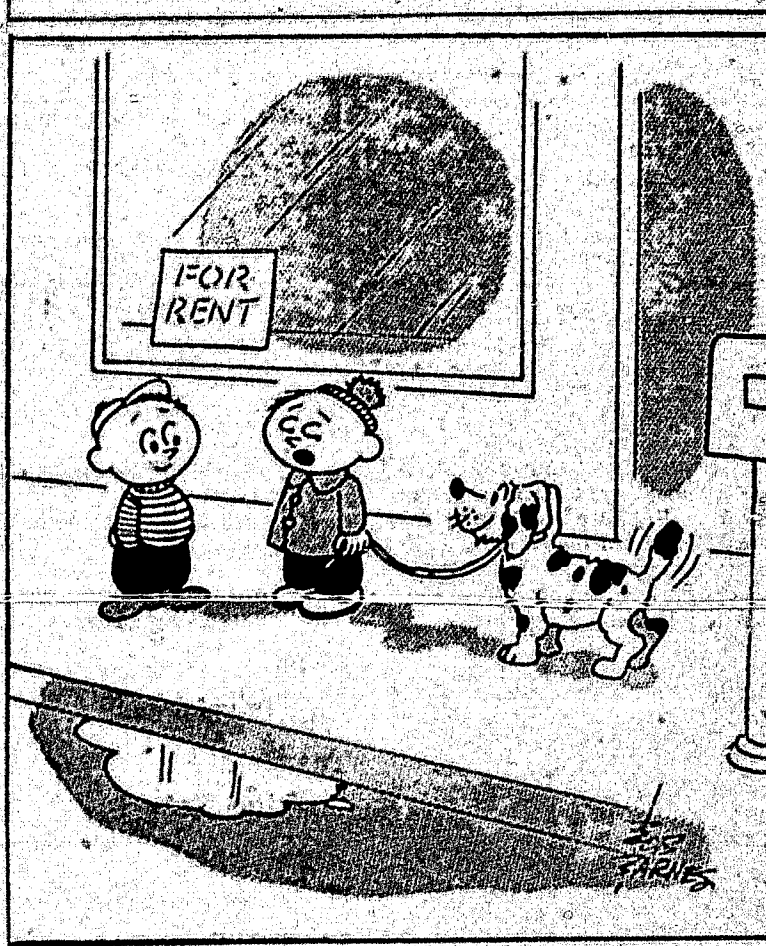
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LAFF OF THE WEEK



"I'm not sure whether he's a female or a fox terrier."

phen, of North Conway, N. H., spent last week with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dean.

Mrs. Angie Churchill is slowly gaining from her recent illness. Mrs. Iona Andrews cares for her during the day, while her daughter, Mrs. Lyndall Farr, teaches school.

Mrs. Olive Tuell is a surgical patient at the CMG Hospital, Lewiston.

Mrs. Constance Hakala and daughter, Paula Anne, returned from the CMG Hospital, Saturday.

Mrs. Ronald Ross spent Thursday in Norway, the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roy.

Mrs. Lila Buck, Mrs. Martha Gardner, Mrs. Iona Andrews, Mrs. Mary Perham, Mrs. Thelma Edmunds and Mrs. Mina Baker attended a planning meeting of the Home Extension Service at South Paris on Friday.

Mrs. Leon Proctor and Mrs. Milton Inman attended the funeral of Mrs. Ida Noyes at Oxford on Saturday.

Harry Inman spent Sunday afternoon with his brother-in-law, Eugene Andrews, Norway.

Mrs. Lucy Barrows left during the week end for Clifton Heights, Pa., where she will visit over the holidays with her daughter and family, Mrs. Zilpha Di Arenvo, R. N.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Perkins, Reading, Mass., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Penley. Elwood Pierce was taken to the CMG Hospital, Lewiston, on Sunday.

High School News

Basketball season, with all its ardent zeal and excitement is before us once again. Already the West Paris squads, both boys' and girls' have travelled to Buckfield for a scrimmage. West Paris was

twice victorious, the boys achieving a final score of 70-24, while the girls tallied 64-19.

The first official game of the season was played at Mechanic Falls on Friday, Dec. 2. The score for the boys' game was: West Paris, 39—McFalls, 88. The girls' game totaled for West Paris, 44 for McFalls, 63.

"To keep 'em cheering" is the job of the cheerleaders. This year their cheering section consists of ten cheerleaders. They are: veterans—Starr Andrews, Gerry Andrews, Maurine Benson, Sandra Gardner; newly acquired members—Martha Howell, Donna Andrews, Lavina Chamberlain, Louise Gammon, Betty Richardson, Eva Day.

At each game two of the new cheerleaders will cheer with the four regulars. At the first game on Friday Lavina Chamberlain and Louise Gammon will be the line-up.

With their new white sweaters, green and white pleated skirts, and some new cheers our cheerleaders will surely be a hit.

On Friday afternoon the cheerleaders will hold a rally where they will introduce to the student body their new cheers.

During November various fund raising activities were undertaken by the sophomore class. Of their activities the selling of Christmas ribbons was the major project.

Wreaths are a traditional part of the American Christmas. Freshman class members are taking advantage of this fact as they paint and decorate Christmas wreaths to be sold during the remaining weeks before Christmas.

Students of the business law class traveled to view the recent court proceedings at South Paris.

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Conservation Farming
In Oxford County

by Douglas L. Marston
Soil Conservation Service

This is the time of year when organizations of all kinds are getting to the task of reporting on the work that they have accomplished during the year, so I thought this might be a good time to review some of the highlights of conservation activities that went on in Oxford County. I believe that the Supervisors of the Oxford County Soil Conservation District were particularly proud of the tree planting record in the County. As many of you know tree planting has increased considerably since the District purchased its first planter two years ago.

A total of 78,000 trees were planted by District-owned tree planters in Oxford County this year. The District planters were also used in other Counties and 100,000 trees were planted in Franklin County and 43,000 trees were planted in Androscoggin County. This makes a total of 219,000 trees that were planted with the Oxford County Soil Conservation District tree planters this year.

Those in Oxford County who planted trees this year were: Perry Chapman, Norway; Alvah Hendrickson, West Paris; Town of Canton; Fred Lovejoy, Bethel; Ralph Burgum, West Paris; Clarence Co-

nant, Hebron; and Cedric Judkins of Upton. In addition there was some fall planting on land of Walter Olpe in Brownfield and on land owned by the Oxford County Soil Conservation District in Brownfield.

I will review some of the other highlights of the past year in the

next column, appearing in a week.

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V. A. NEWS LETTER

M. L. Stoddard, Manager, V. A. Center, Togus, Maine, today offered suggestions of appropriate and desirable Yule gifts for friends and relatives who will be spending Christmas in VA hospitals.

Generally, Stoddard said, the gift which brings the most satisfaction to any veteran in a hospital is a visit on Christmas Day or during Christmas week from a member of his family or a friend. If it's not possible to visit him, the next best thing is a long, friendly, new-year letter.

A gift of a VA canteen coupon book was recommended by Stoddard. These come in denominations of 50 cents, a dollar and five dollars. They permit the patient to select for himself articles that he may wish from the stock of the VA canteen in the hospital. For the benefit of patients confined to their beds, articles from the canteen are brought in carts into the wards, so that patients may make their selections. The canteen coupon books may be purchased from the VA canteen service at the hospital, and are good for use year 'round.

Writing materials, including stationery, fountain pens and mechanical pencils, are recommended as useful and acceptable as fine gifts for patients. Hair brushes, combs, lotions and other toilet items are among gifts which many patients would be glad to have.

Gifts are cautioned not to give candies, cookies or other sweets unless they are certain the patient is permitted by his doctors to have them.

Stoddard also pointed out that books, magazines, playing cards and many kinds of games are furnished.

SOCIETY DIRECTORY

Mt. Abram Lodge, No. 81, L. O. O. F. Meets Friday evenings, N. G. Shirley Chase, Rec. Secretary, Rodney Hanscom.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge, No. 61. Meets first and third Monday evenings, N. G. Blanche Berryment, Rec. Secretary, Hilda Donahue.

Purity Chapter, No. 102, O. E. S. Meets first Wednesday evenings, W. M. Annie Hastings, Secretary, Helen Runnels.

Pleasant Valley Grange, No. 194, West Bethel. Meets second and fourth Thursdays. Master, Gordon Mason, Secretary, Lottie Hall.

Bethel Chamber of Commerce. Meets first Tuesdays. President, Donald Christie, Secretary, Henry Hastings.

W. S. C. S. Methodist Church. Meets third Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. President, Sylvia Luxton, Secretary, Barbara Greenleaf.

Eleanor Gordon Guild. Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings. President, Mary Angevine, Secretary, Ruth Eastman.

Ladies Club, Congregational Church. Meets first and third Thursday afternoons. President, Mrs. Charles E. Merrill, Secretary, Mrs. R. R. Tibbels.

The Guild, Congregational Church. Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings. President, Mrs. Frank Nary, Secretary, Mrs. Gertrude Hutchins.

Bethel Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M. Meets second Thursday evenings, W. M. Dana Brooks, Secretary, Ernest Mundt.

Bethel Lions Club. Meets second and fourth Mondays. President, Dr. John Trinward, Secretary, James Hutchins.

Music Appreciation Group. Meets every other Thursday at 8 p. m. in Gould Academy Music Room. President, Florence Emery, Secretary, Janet Richardson.

Men's Brotherhood, Methodist Church. Meets first Wednesday evenings. President, Evans Wilson, Secretary, Donald Christie.

Parent Teacher Association. Meets third Tuesday evenings. President, Dana Douglass, Jr. Secretary, Rita Davis.

Five Town Teachers' Club. Meets first Monday evening. President, Miriam McAllister, Secretary, Eva Twitchell.

Mundt-Allen Post, No. 81, American Legion. Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings. Commander, Leslie Kendall, Adjutant, Jack Compas.

Mundt-Allen Unit, No. 81, American Legion Auxiliary. Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings. President, Josephine Tripp, Secretary, Hilda Donahue.

Alder River Grange, No. 145, East Bethel. Meets first and third Friday evening. Master, Richard Stevens, Secretary, Marguerite Bartlett.

Bear River Grange, No. 224, Newry Corner. Meets every other Saturday. Master, Paul Wight, Secretary, Ida Wight.

Bethel Auxiliary of Rumford Community Hospital. Meets first Monday evenings. President, Agnes Thurston, Secretary, Janet Richardson.

Stamp Club meets Wednesday afternoon after school, 3:30, at Mrs. Mabel O'Brien's on Paradise St. President, Donald Christie, Secretary, Nancy Lincoln, Treasurer, Dickie Bennett.

Hill Abram Fish and Game Association meets third Thursday at 8:00 P. M. in Lookie's Mills Town Hall. Visitors welcome. President, Arthur Valley, Secretary, Arthur Cummings.

SOUTH ALBANY

Mrs. Roy Wardwell, Corres. — "Bill" Pechnik of South Paris was a supper guest at Roy Wardwell's Friday night.

Mrs. Alice Gammon and daughter, Evelyn, of South Paris, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wardwell on Saturday, coming after a Christmas tree.

Fred Wentworth recently called on Leon Kimball.

Sunday callers at Wardwell's were Verna Robinson and Herman Getchell from Gorham, Maine, Gene and Ruth Kimball of Waterford.

Arthur Wardwell hauled some wood for John Spiney, Tuesday.

Roy Kimball from Waterford was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wardwell on Monday.

BROILER HOUSE PLANS AVAILABLE FROM EXTENSION SERVICE

Maine broiler growers considering remodeling or putting up new buildings can get up-to-date broiler house plans from county agents at County Extension Service offices in Maine. The plans are for a building which provides bird comfort and sufficient protection from the weather but doesn't cost too much. Rodney Martin, Extension Agricultural engineer, has issued the plans, reports Extension Poultryman Harry Whelden.

Gifts to veterans in the hospital, so gifts of this nature would be generally less acceptable than others mentioned.

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STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, from day to day from the third Tuesday of said November. The following matters have been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of December A. D. 1955, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

C. F. Saunders, alias Chesley F. Saunders, alias Chesley F. Saunders, late of Bethel, deceased; Will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Addison C. Saunders and Wallace E. Saunders executors of the same, to act without bond as expressed in said Will, presented by Addison C. Saunders and Wallace E. Saunders, the executors therein named.

Marion E. Tyler, late of Bethel, deceased; First and Final account presented for allowance by Frank W. Linnell, executor.

George H. Hammond, late of Bethel, deceased; Petition for the appointment of Clarence W. Hammond or some other suitable person as administrator of the estate of said deceased, without bond, presented by Clarence W. Hammond, brother and heir-at-law.

Witness, Robert T. Smith Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

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FARM EMPLOYERS PAYING \$100 OR MORE MUST FILE SOCIAL SECURITY RETURNS

District Director of Internal Revenue, Whitney L. Wheeler has issued the following to remind employers that social security taxes apply to cash wages paid to every farm worker to whom the employer pays \$100 or more cash wages during the year 1955. The taxes (a percent employee tax and a percent employer tax) apply only to cash wages paid to covered farm workers.

Every farm employer who owes these taxes must file a return on Form 943, and pay the taxes, on or before January 31, 1956. Farm employers should file their returns on time in order to avoid the penalty which may be charged for late filing.

Any employer of covered farm workers who has not already registered with the District Director's office should do so at once. The registration Form SS-4 can be obtained from any Internal Revenue or Social Security Office. The District Director will mail the necessary return forms and instructions to all registered employers.

Jr., Joyce Hawkes, 2nd—Donna Poland, Judith Poland, Alicia Cash, Pamela Hagar, Nancy Koskela, Sylvia Cox, 1st—Rebecca Andrews, James Lamb, Bruce Thurlow, Craig Ryerson, Leon Waterhouse. The picture "The Best Things of Life" was shown to the children Friday.

The school and community tree is to be held Thursday evening at the Union Church as usual. At this time Santa is expected to appear with his gifts for the little tots.

Ellis Davis attended State Grange at Bangor Tuesday to Friday with Verne Ellingwood, West Paris.

Olive Tuell and Maurice Morgan are reported to be gaining. They are in the CMG Hospital at Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Fleming went to Lewiston Monday evening shopping.

Palph Dean who has been ill is a bit better at this writing.

Ernest Holt and Guy Bartlett were callers at Ellis Davis', Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS

We are sincerely grateful to all who in so many ways expressed their sympathy in our bereavement. Their thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

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SPORTS FLASHES

The wider free throw lane in college basketball this season will result in more hotly-contested scrambles for rebounds, in the opinion of Bud Millikan, cage coach at the University of Maryland.

The tall players, who used to stand near the basket when the lane was only six feet wide and had only to jump a few inches for the rebounds, must now compete with the smaller players for the loose ball, with the zone expanded to 12 feet.

In addition, Millikan pointed out to The Sporting News, a player formerly spotted himself where the free throw lane joined the foul circle. As a result, he merely had to step across the line in front of the foul shooter to intercept direct rebounds.

Now that the rebounder is three feet farther back, too, the foul shooter himself is in a better position after his shot to step forward and try to retrieve his misses.

Millikan says he does not expect the widened lane to have much effect on his offense because his opposition had almost reached the saturation point last season in the use of the zone defense.

In 23 of 25 games, his opposition used some variation of a zone defense, Millikan recalled to The Sporting News.

However, Maryland fans will see the Terrapins using some zone defense for the first time this season, Millikan admitted. This is the trend with less area to cover because of the widened free throw lane where a player can linger only three seconds.

Millikan isn't changing necessarily because of the new rule, he says. The coach explained that as long as Maryland has to practice its offense so much in preparation for zone defenses, he is going to have his variety set up the zone this year instead of his scrubs. That way it will condition his offense better.

Millikan was asked if the new "five-second rule," in which a jump ball may be called in the front court if a player obviously attempts to kill time, would hamper ball control.

"I don't think so," Millikan said, differing with other coaches who have said the rule will "ruin basketball."

"Our theory is that we are always trying to score, no matter what the situation. We don't believe in freezing the ball. However, I don't believe the officials will be too strict on this rule as long as a player is progressing toward the basket or trying to avoid having the ball stolen by an opponent."

The Sporting News notes that Maryland, one of the powers of basketball in the South, will have a chance to put Millikan's theory to test on a big league plane this season.

Maryland opens its 12,000-seat Activities Building this season, one of the great sports show places in the nation.

Besides its usual strong schedule which includes Atlantic Coast Conference and Independent opponents, Maryland will be playing Kentucky, the country's best year in and year out.

After zooming to the top in football after only nine years of big-time competition, Maryland now is aiming at the same level in basketball.

President Spike Briggs of the Detroit Tigers likes to needs the Yankees. And he didn't miss the opening, says The Sporting News, in a limousine.

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FROM OUR FILES

10 YEARS AGO

Ice was being harvested from Songo Pond.

Programs for the "Village Forum" were published. Speakers included, after Joseph Evans, negro minister from New York City, Dr. Charles Phillips, president of Bates College, and Victor Coty, national, known sportsman.

Deaths: Dr. Bertram B. Packard, Simeon A. Farr.

20 YEARS AGO

A device planned by B. P. Brown was making good on road plowing. It consisted of two trucks behind a plow.

A crew of men from Conway were taking down the Stowell mill at West Bethel.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Ann Dearden.

30 YEARS AGO

Central Maine Power Co. tied-up with the local electric system.

The Rev. Wilbur Bull preached his first sermon at Hunt's Corner, Dec. 13.

Neighborhood socials were being held weekly in the Middle Intervale neighborhood.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Walsh Grover.



LOAN BOSS . . . Federal Reserve Board chairman Wm. M. Martin advised Senate banking committee to tighten housing credit to help curb inflation.

when the Yankees recently made their barnstorming trip to Japan. "Last summer," he said, "the Yankees refused to travel by plane. But even if they couldn't fly to Detroit and Kansas City, I see they made it all the way from San Francisco to Tokyo and back. Maybe by now they have discovered that the flying machine is here to stay."

The confusion in Detroit over the Tigers' two John Philipps is over. One John Philipps, known as Bubba, was traded to the White Sox. The other, Jack, remains as a reserve infielder. The wire service's complicated matters, says The Sporting News, by listing Bubba in the box scores as John M. Philipps, and Jack as John D. Philipps. Nobody could remember which initial belonged to which.

The Baltimore Orioles' General Manager-Manager Paul Richards, was in Chicago at the time it was announced that the Orioles had turned down a Kansas City bid of \$200,000 for first baseman Gus Triandos. He was getting ready to attend a professional football game with Orioles Road Secretary Jack Dunn. Dunn suggested a cab to the Wrigley Field gridiron, but Richards would have none of it. "Cab, my neck," he said, "if this outfit can afford to turn down a \$200,000 grand deal, we can ride to the park opening, says The Sporting News, in a limousine."

News of 4-H CLUBS

The Nimble Thimble 4-H Club held their meeting Dec. 10 at Mrs. Gibson's house. There were six present. Janice Saunders, our junior assistant leader, helped us on the scarves we had made. We didn't finish them so we will do more at another meeting. At the next meeting we will have a Christmas party. Barbara Angvine, reporter.

On Dec. 14, the Happy Herdmen 4-H Club met for its annual Parents' Night and Supper at the American Legion Howe, with 12 members, 11 parents, and three visitors present. Following the supper we held our usual business meeting. Words of welcome to the parents and to Mrs. Knight, 4-H Club agent, were given by President, John Howe, Kenosha, were given by Mrs. Knight and Bill Chapman. We gave the 4-H Club pledge, and the pledge to the flag. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. The business meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be the skating party at Songo Pond on December 23. A Christmas tree with exchange of gifts was enjoyed.—Carolyn Chapman, Secretary.

The Nine Busy Bees 4-H Club held a meeting on Monday afternoon at Mrs. John Howe's with seven members present for our Christmas party. Debbie Howe called the meeting to order and then Nancy Brown collected dues. We had a Christmas tree and had our presents. We made cookies and while they were baking we played a game.—Reporter, Charlene Rice.

SONGO POND

—Mrs. Ralph Kimball, Corres.—

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson are being congratulated on the birth of a little daughter, Tuesday morning, at the Rumford Hospital.

Tony Lapham of Searsport spent the week end with Warren Lapham. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kimball and family were in Mechanic Falls and Lewiston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Logan and family visited his mother, Mrs. Carole Logan, and Clayton Penley, Sunday. They found Clate confined by illness.

Mrs. Edward Lapham is nursing at Norway Center. She spends the week ends at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earlon Keniston and Lona spent the week end with the William Kimball's, South Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith and family of Waterford were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. William Bancroft and family.

Your County Extension Service office in Maine is the place to go for answers to your problems in farming, homemaking, farm youth, and rural life in general.



Brownie Troop 6 met at the home of Mary Paine on Tuesday night after school for their Christmas party. Refreshments were served by the leaders. Exchange of gifts was enjoyed. Each girl received her World Pin.

Brownie Troop 3 met at the home of Virginia Keniston. A Christmas party was held with refreshments served and gifts exchanged. Each girl was presented a World Pin. As Christmas is celebrated all around the world so is Girl Scouting enjoyed around the world.

Patrol 1 of the Girl Scout Troop met at the school building and practiced our drill. Then we all went down to Mrs. Douglas' and had our Christmas tree. We exchanged gifts and made Christmas candle favors for children at the hospital and shut-ins. Our leaders served us refreshments of Christmas cookies and red and green punch.—Norma Kimball, reporter.

Busy Beavers Patrol 5 met at the home of our leader, Faith Brown, where we had our Christmas party and supper. We had as our guests, Bonnie Barnes, Nancy Saunders, Nancy Cole, Oakie Sweet and Beth Ann Brown. We all enjoyed the pictures showed to us by Aunt Julia. We had fun singing Christmas carols and exchanging gifts. Vivian Brown gave a Christmas welcome. We then went into the dining room which was lighted with Christmas candles and to a very nicely decorated table. We ate until we could not sing. Sharon York's mother made us a beautiful Christmas cake, and Mr. Bennett donated milk for our supper. We say thanks to Mr. Bennett and the parents for their co-operation in making it possible for us to have such a lovely time.

Girl Scout Patrol 3 met on Tuesday after school at the home of Elsie Waldron for a Christmas party. There was an exchange of gifts and ice cream and cake and punch were served.

Plainfield, Ind., Messenger: "If reports of the government's indebtedness make you sick in the pit of your stomach, just stop and think what causes most of it. We're not beyond the reach of the doctor. We've been asking too much from the government—a habit acquired by 20 years of a 'do everything' regime in Washington. Just ask for less—it's that easy."

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—Mrs. Florence Holder, Corres.—
Miss Barbara Adams and brother, Harold, of Wilton, were recent guests at the home of Mrs. Florence Holder.

Mrs. Edith Quimby has closed her cottage here for the winter and left last week for Raymond, N. H., to spend the winter with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Custer Quimby.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosalie Corriveau are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born Dec. 8th, at the St. Louis Hospital, Berlin. Clark Leighton has employment at Chapin's Shell Station at Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gillander have moved to Portland for the winter.

Mountain View Grange held its regular meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 13th, with thirty members. Mary Cole in the chair. There were 18 members present. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on three candidates. Refreshments were served. Next meeting will be Tuesday evening, Dec. 20th. Elmer Bean Sr. went to the Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Hanover, N. H., Monday, for observation.

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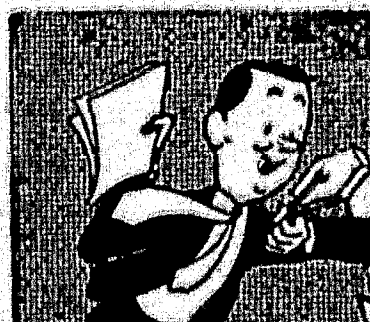
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